

Win Charlton Comment on Whiskey Dick Seasonal Road Closure

I would strongly object to changes in the present status for the Whiskey Dick Wildlife Area seasonal road closure, ESPECIALLY the opening of the motorized route along the Columbia River through the State Park up to the Quilomene Ridge road. I am a resident of Ellensburg, a hunter and fisherman, and don't like seeing public lands closed to access but believe that the winter range this provides takes precedence over access.

I have personally been out in this area during the winter months, before the closures were in effect, and witnessed the detrimental effects to the deer and elk herds of regularly traveled roads plus all the off/closed road travel that results due to the inability to enforce the closures.

The opening of the State Parks road will have a very negative impact on the elk herds (especially the bigger bulls) using this area for winter range.

Thank you,
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